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ARDYTH WALKER STAFF GENERAL COUNSEL Detective John Perez City of Miami Police Department Robbery Unit, Criminal Investigations Division Post Office Box 016777 Miami, FL 33101

Re: INQ 11-02, Outside Employment

Dear Detective Perez:

In an email to our office on January 6, 2011, you asked if taking an outside job with the Department of Defense Naval Air Station in Key West would create any ethics conflicts for you in your current position as a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division of the Robbery Unit of the City of Miami Police Department. Your outside employment will involve performing firefighting duties.

Following a discussion with your supervisor, Lieutenant Daniel Kerr, the Ethics Commission staff finds that your outside employment will not create any ethics conflicts as long as your work as a firefighter does not impair your independence of judgment in performing your public duties. (*See* Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (j).) However, ultimate approval of outside employment always resides with your department supervisor.

As you are aware, you must conduct outside employment during vacation time and days off, when you are not working for the City. Additionally, you may never use City resources, such as City-purchased supplies and equipment, administrative services, or training supplies, in the pursuit or engagement of outside employment.

Also, please be advised that you must submit a "Request for Outside Employment" statement annually to the City Clerk, indicating your supervisor's approval of your outside employment, and file an "Outside Employment [Income] Statement" with the City Clerk by July 1 of each year, indicating your outside employment income and other related information. (See Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (k).)

Please feel free to contact me at 305 350-0601 if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Victoria Frigo Staff Attorney

copy: Lieutenant Daniel Kerr, City of Miami Police Department, at

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